

EDITORIALS

Chamber Pledges Aid

Support for the efforts of the Intercity Highway Committee in getting appropriations for freeways and major roadways built in this area came this week from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce whose directors voted to back the committee and to attempt to enlist the aid of other Chambers of Commerce in the surrounding communities.

Action of the Chamber of Commerce is timely, and should be the signal for all other civic minded groups of citizens in Torrance and other Torrance area communities to get behind the efforts of the Intercity committee to push for better roadways in this booming area.

The Intercity Highway Committee is composed of representatives of six Torrance area cities—Torrance, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and El Segundo—and includes city engineers, councilmen, planning commission representatives, and lay representatives of the cities who are cooperating in the group.

Some of the West's top experts on traffic have lent their talent to the group, notably Ralph T. Dorsey, who for many years was the chief traffic authority for the city of Los Angeles.

The committee has charged that the entire greater Torrance area has been "left out" when appropriations for freeways were made.

The committee hopes to improve this situation, and the Chamber of Commerce action should help.

Leadership Continued

The retention of Charley Gotts as president of the Retail Merchants Assn. should bode well for the downtown area for the coming year. Under the leadership of Gotts during the past year, the downtown area of Torrance has been "put on the map" through the use of radio, newspaper advertising, billboards, bus advertising, and other methods. The re-election of Gotts assures that this aggressive program will be continued under ambitious leadership.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

Authorities tell us that it's impossible to regress, but according to the latest census statistics, Torrance is getting younger all the time.

The city itself is 36 years old, but the average age of the people who live in it is getting younger and younger. The average person living in Torrance today is 25.6 years old and was born in April, 1931. In 1950, the average person living here was 28.1 years old and first saw the light of day in March, 1922.

Today, 45 per cent of the city's citizens are under voting and drinking age, while six years ago, only 31 per cent of them fell in this category.

All this goes to show that children play a bigger role in Torrance than in most communities. Only two per cent of the citizens of Torrance have passed the retirement age, 65, and only 13 per cent of the city is over 45.

The biggest segment of the city's population is the toddlers who haven't yet entered school, with the group from birth to five years old furnishing a whopping 17 per cent of the residents here.

What's the significance of the youthful glow of Torrance?

It means that even more schools will dot the local landscapes in the not-very-distant future, to accommodate the additional 14,000 school children who will enter Torrance halls of learning.

It means that safety will

become an even bigger issue, what with the number of youngsters, toddling, hopping, skipping, jumping, running, and cycling to school.

It means that playgrounds, Scout troops, YMCA and YWCA members, and adult leaders will become more numerous very soon.

It means that merchants will have to offer more diapers, toddler clothes, and teen-age fashions, as well as the latest styles from Paris.

It means that Torrance residents will be likely to be viewing more "roofter-shoot-em" Westerns at local theaters and be shuddering at more rock 'n' roll records at music shops.

It means that pet, toy, and hobby shop owners ought to go crazy with money and business.

It means that more ice cream cones will be dribbled down the fronts of small dresses and shirts.

It means louder and more frequent cries of "Play Ball!" at local parks and vacant lots.

It means that baby doctors and child specialists will be looking down more small throats.

It means that more and more cases of measles, mumps, and the usual childhood diseases.

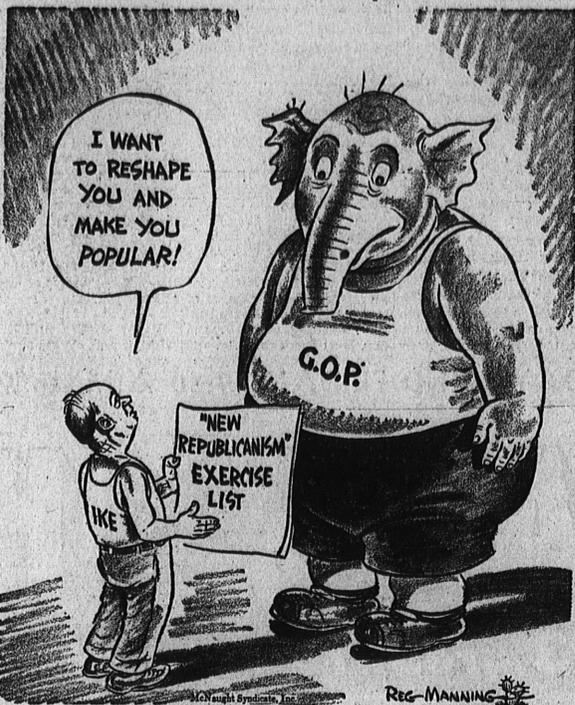
It means that local politicians will be doomed to perennially chapped lips at election time, from kissing so many babies.

It means that in Torrance, time is marching backwards.

AND THAT'S NO JOKE!



Reckon He'll Co-operate



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Federal Communications Commission: My name is Ann Landers. This is the first time I've ever written to you for help. I have a problem.

Will you please handle the bleats from the TV viewers who complain that the ham operators are interfering with their reception? Also, will you cooperate with the hams who insist the trouble is in the TV sets? Then will you kindly lend an ear to the TV manufacturers who claim they are making every effort to turn out the finest TV sets possible?

I've been in the middle of this battle so long I'm beginning to feel like a sparrow who got caught in a badminton game.

All bees will be directed to you, gentlemen, so kindly take these three factions off my neck. It's time we gave this column back to the people with personal problems. Many thanks. — ANN LANDERS.

Dear Ann: You goofed, Baby. I refer to the letter from the woman who wanted to know how to nick her husband for a large chunk of alimony.

"Unhappy Wife" clobbered her ever-lovin' with a monkey-wrench and YOU cautioned her against "getting careless" with CARPENTER TOOLS!"

Ann, dear, a carpenter would have no use for a monkey-wrench unless perhaps he wanted to crown such a bimbo in the manner she deserves. Monkey-wrenches are for plumbers, so watch it, girl.—WALLY.

Dear Wally: Get out the wet noodle. It's 20 lashes for your red-faced Ann. You're right. I goofed.

Dear Ann: I married a nice girl a few years ago. She was divorced and had two children. We've had our troubles but who hasn't? A couple of things she's been doing ought to be cut out in my opinion. But I'm going to take your advice and do whatever you say.

My wife continues to use the name of her first husband along with mine, like this: "Mrs. John Brown" (HIM)—and tagging along is "Smith" (ME, the guy who pays the bills).

Also, she has a large collection of night-club pictures taken with different fellows before she married me. She shows these pictures to everyone who comes into the house and seems very proud of them. It seems a wife who's so interested in her past can't be very satisfied with her marriage. How about it?—CONFUSED.

YOU aren't "Confused"—SHE is. Your wife should have dropped the John Brown from her name when she dropped John Brown. A woman who delights in

parading evidence of her old boyfriends admits she's over the hill. Tell the little woman her show is slipping and offer to take her for some present-day night club pictures so she won't need to live in the past forever.

Dear Ann: I'm a boy of 15 who is now considered a social outcast because I left a party when they started to play kissing games.

I think there's something cheap about winning kisses in a game. If a gal wants to kiss me because she likes me, I'm all for it but I don't want any favors because she happened to draw my name out of a hat or the bottle pointed my way.

The guys said I was a rotten sport and it'll be a long time before they invite me again. Am I wrong about this? If so, please tell me.—BUZZY.

Stick to your guns, Buzzy,

GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

Through the ages thousands of preachers have been told by bridegrooms: "Instead of paying you a few dollars now, why don't I wait a year and if I find the happiness I expect I'll pay you 10 times more?" Yet, as far as I know, every preacher has replied: "I'll take the few dollars now."

There is a new auto accessory called "Switchlite." If a car is stolen, the tail lights blink out the word "Stolen." The gimmick was invented by a man who was convicted many times for stealing automobiles.

A considerate man is one who lets his wife know the following morning that he isn't coming home to dinner last night.

I can't help but comment about the way they spell it "psychic" when they don't even pronounce the "p," which certainly seems spooly.

People could discover the fountain of perpetual youth if they copied my axe. Handled down to me from generation to generation, it is still good as new. The only changes needed during all that time were 26 new handles and 11 new heads.

I wish to be the first to protest the infamous practice of so many autoists who insist on driving so close in front of me.

There is always the positive way to become unpopular—just blow your knox.

Today, I was told by my doctor that I was as sound as a dollar. That made me very

you're right. How valuable can a kiss be if it's there to be won by just anybody? A guy with your good sense will be able to write his own ticket. You'll be invited again and again. The girls will insist on it!

CONFIDENTIALLY: R.E.G. WONDERING: Nothing wrong with you, fella, the gal is off base. Get interested in others. She'll regret her foolishness one day.

THE BURNED CHILD: Your letter was excellent. Good luck the second time around the track.

MISS INDEPENDENT: If your boy friend burns while you smoke, do you think it's worth it? How important is the weed in your life?

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Eight-year-old Tommy Townsend, a third grader at Perry Elementary School, is a sad boy these days.

Tommy got an expensive, three-speed, German bicycle for Christmas, and had little more than a chance to get used to riding it when he slipped in the house, fell, and cut an artery. It required nine stitches—so he and his bike had to go it alone for a few weeks.

Last Thursday, the doctor took the stitches out and said Tommy could get back out on the bicycle.

But, someone beat him to it. The night before, someone had taken it from the garage at his home at 4126 W. 179th Street.

Tommy's mother says he is lost without it. And Tommy and his parents have gathered up a little reward money for anyone who can get it back to him.

Dick Fitzgerald tells me he has a few more All-America stickers and window decals at the Chamber of Commerce office if anyone wants to join the crowd in proclaiming that Torrance is still the All-America city—even though the first round of shouting has died down to a roar.

It's always a shock to entertain a group of school children here at the HERALD as we have the past two Fridays. The conversation always leads around to back issues, and it is unnerving to reach into the files for a copy of the HERALD—printed—say in 1944—and find that the kids are exclaiming, "Why, that was before I was born."

Many of their countrymen died on the front line of a cause, which we have championed with billions of dollars and with blood in Europe and Korea... the cause of freedom from Communist enslavement. They succeeded even in their defeat, for they have set off a chain-reaction inside the Kremlin which has cracked the Kremlin wide open. For this we and the free world owe much to the Hungarian patriots.

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Wonder what they really think about the 1914 HERALD?

One thing about that, however. We can always say, "That was before WE were born, too." (Just barely).

My Neighbors



"We could afford it if you'd get feather-bedding jobs in a couple more plants!"

THE MAIL BOX

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The Mothers March
Editor, Torrance Herald:
On the evening of Jan. 31, while on the march for the polo drive, I met up with some interesting facts and people.

I was greeted at homes with sincere kindness and was very happy for all donations. Some folks had already given to the March of Dimes, but others felt they could give a little more.

A small boy happily gave a dollar. A lady was more than happy to give, for a grand-daughter of hers had been greatly helped through the polo fund.

Most of all, a very sweet lady, "Mother Tappin," past 70 years of age, gave for the cause two dollars in dimes which she had saved during the year.

"These, of course," she gently exclaimed with a beaming light in her eyes, "are all Roosevelt Dimes."

It's a blessing to visit folks on Arlington Ave. for the

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

The Hungarian revolution and its barbaric suppression by 30 Soviet divisions resulted in the exodus from the frontiers of Hungary of some 110,000 refugees. Hungary is surrounded by Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Yugoslavia, and Austria. Most of these 110,000 Hungarian refugees escaped into Austria and Yugoslavia, with some of Polish descent crossing the Dula pass into Poland, along the short strip of Czechoslovakia.

To have entered Rumania or Czechoslovakia would have meant certain capture, imprisonment or death.

Austria has been staggering under the housing and financial load of some 100,000 of these Hungarian refugees, truly an impossible situation for the precarious Austrian economy so soon after her independence from Soviet occupation. Austria called upon the United States for relief and under emergency powers granted by Congress, President Eisenhower invited 21,700 Hungarian refugees to come to the United States. About two-thirds of these have been issued "probationary visas" and one-third "emergency visas." These are legalistic terms with enough flexibility to allow nearly all to remain in the U. S. permanently.

It appears the least we can do for their heroic example in sacrificing so much for freedom from 12 years of Communist oppression. As far as the West is directly concerned, the Hungarian revolt exposed Soviet duplicity and enslavement to the point where even such avowed Communists as Picasso, Curie, Jean Paul Sartre, felt compelled to speak out against the shame of Hungary. Hungary has demoralized worldwide Communism like nothing since the anti-Stalin campaign.

This column was among the first to speak out for the heroism of the Hungarian people because of our frequent trips inside the Iron Curtain over the past six years. The freedom-loving people in and out of Hungary deserve much more than the token support extended some of them by our invitation to the U. S.

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Other nations accepting refugees do so on a labor-pool basis, depending on their skills. Ours was strictly a humanitarian gesture. While it is commendable for the United States to open its frontiers so indiscriminately to the Hungarian refugees, it appears neither to its own interests or the interests of a free Hungary to bring the able-bodied men across the Atlantic, so far removed from their opportunity to help their countrymen for ultimate freedom.

USEP (United States Escape Program) were not set up for such large refugee migrations as have come to the United States in the past several years and now augmented with the Hungarians. Since 1953 we have allowed more than 250,000 persons to come to the United States, ever and above our regular quotas. This is a fantastic figure. Our escape program alone has processed nearly 100,000 fugitives since 1953, with control in Frankfurt, Germany.

The ICEM estimates that 75 per cent of the Hungarian refugees already in the U. S. are single, between 18 to 30 years of age. This age group represent the core of the recent Hungarian revolt... and in our opinion belong somewhere on the Hungarian borders to be available for the inevitable future attempts for liberation of their country. The U. S. could have contributed to their support on soil near the Hungarian frontier.

To encourage them to leave their Austrian exile and come all the way to America is to decrease, not increase, the chances for ultimate Hungarian liberation. Like all refugees, the Hungarians here will no doubt get to like our country with privileges and opportunities to the point where very few indeed will ever want to go back for any reason. Children will be born of them on U. S. soil, which will further complicate their parents' return. Others will marry American citizens. At least most of them will not care to go back to Hungary even if the call should come for another revolt for freedom.

So it appears that the thousands already here and the thousands who are still to come are removed permanently from Hungary's liberation. On this point we think it was a mistake to bring the young men here, unless they were brought for military training and to be returned later. We could have confined our refugee commitment to women and children and the elders, even though it necessitated separation of families, in an emergency Americans are also separated from their families for years.

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